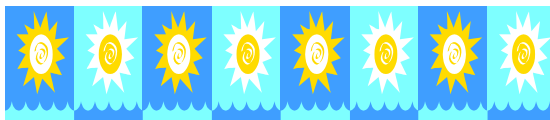




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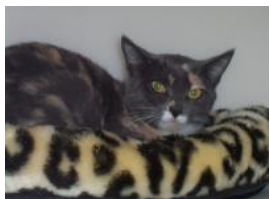
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The Lovely Animals In Need of a Home

Terrific Toni



Cute Carlotta



Nice Neko



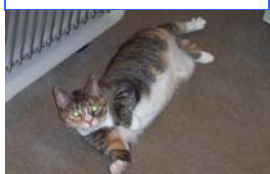
Happy HoneyGirl



Coloful Calla



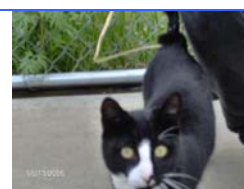
Kind Kai



Sweet Suzy



Princely Papeeto



Animals Who Have Found a Home

Bones



Mrs. Blackie



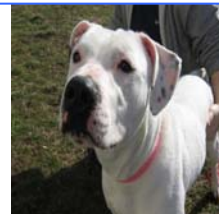
Roxy



Brilliant Beyonce



Cuddlv Cloud



A Note From The Director:

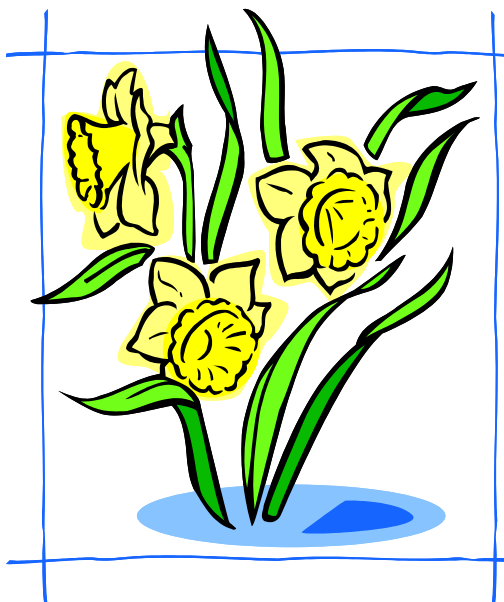
Hello, I am interested in forming a group of people to set up a response program in the occurrence of a natural or man-made disaster. This group would put together a plan that would prepare all for such an emergency. I have sent letters to local animal control officers, veterinarians, and pet stores. I am looking for anyone who may be interested in meeting to organize some ideas and plans that would assist us in any and all ways possible. I intend to have a meeting with all intended parties. Anyone interested can contact me at (203)-315-4125 or email WJoyce@branford-ct.gov

Thank you,
Wendy Joyce
Branford ACO

Hi, my name is Cloud. I am extremely sweet, but I happen to be deaf. I respond well to training, but I need a patient and loving home to love me and take care of me.

Summer is often a time when people fertilize their lawns and work in their gardens. But beware: Plant food, fertilizer, and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them. In addition, more than 700 plants can produce physiologically active or toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals. For more information, see the full list of dangerous plants at www.hsus.com.

- Apple Seeds
- Azaleas
- Birds-of-Paradise
- Buttercups
- Daffodil
- Day Lily
- Easter Lily
- Elephant's Ear
- English Ivy
- Holly
- Hyacinth
- Iris
- Laurels
- Lily of the Valley
- Mistletoe
- Morning Glory
- Philodendron
- Poinsettia
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb



In summer heat your pet can suffer from heat exhaustion and heat stroke. These conditions are very serious and could cause your pet to die. You should be aware of the signs of heat stress, which could include

- Heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.
- If your pet does become overheated, you need to immediately lower his body temperature.
- Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water over his body to gradually lower his core body temperature.
- Apply cold towels or ice packs to your pet's head, neck, and chest only.
- Let your pet drink small amounts of water or lick ice cubes.
- Most importantly, get him to a veterinarian immediately.

Fun Animal Facts!

- Studies show that people with pets live longer, have less stress, and fewer health problems.
- Snag, a Labrador retriever who works for the U.S. Customs Department, has made 118 drug seizures worth \$810 million -- a canine record.
- 70% of people sign their pet's name on greeting cards and 58 % include their pets in family and holiday portraits.
- Using their swiveling ears like radar dishes, experiments have shown that dogs can locate the source of a sound in 6/100ths of a second.
- There are more than 9000 species of birds.
- A cat will spend nearly 30% of its life grooming itself.
- Only 1 in 10 dogs born will find a home.

Adopt a Furry Friend From A Shelter Today!

Summer Pet Safety Information

- During warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120° in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. Pets that are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die.
- It is very dangerous, and in some states illegal, to drive with a dog in the back of a pick-up truck. Not only can flying debris cause serious injury, but a dog may be unintentionally thrown into traffic if the driver suddenly hits the brakes, swerves, or is hit by another car.
- Spaying or neutering your dog reduces the likelihood that he will bite and provides many other health benefits.
- Make sure your pet is always wearing a collar and identification tag.
- Heartworm disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal in both dogs and cats. Be sure to ask your Veterinarian about prevention methods.
- Pets and pools can equal disaster. Prevent free access to pools and always supervise a pet in a pool.
- Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors so they can stay cool.
- Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws.
- Be sure to always use flea and tick treatments.
- Pets can get sunburned too, and your pet may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips. Pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears are particularly vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer.
- Don't take your pets to crowded summer events such as concerts or festivals. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous for pets.
- Always vaccinate your pets!
- Animals such as raccoons and skunks can carry rabies, if they eat from a pet dish they can leave behind any viruses they may be carrying.
- Do NOT purchase animals from pet stores or puppy mills.

Spaying & Neutering Information
TEAM- 1-888-FOR-TEAM
Friends of Animals- 1-800-321-7387
Spay USA- 1-800-248-7729

---A female dog, her mate, and their offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in 6 years.

